



PRESTON & DISTRICT MG ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

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Newsletter



Heartbeat Police Panda.

Are you ready for the off? Hopefully our trip to 'Heartbeat Country' will be as good as the anticipation the trip has engendered. Have you polished your car? Don't forget SYCO night on the Tuesday after our return!

OK then take a deep breath and read your Chairman's Chat that follows.

Mike....Ed.

CHIRMANS CHAT June 2011

(WITHOUT PREJUDICE)



OK – What does this mean to you?

It's not the surname of your new Polish neighbour but rather the chemical formula that Georges Leclanche devised in 1866.

Georges was born in Paris in 1839 and after six years studying and becoming a successful engineer he invented the Leclanche cell – which later developed into a dry cell battery in other words the first successful battery available following many years of effort by other inventors worldwide.

It was a tremendous breakthrough in many respects especially in the supply of convenient and portable electrical power for both industrial and domestic application.

Motor car development at this time consisted of a battle between Steam Power, Electric Power and when Jed Walton discovered “crude” or “Texas Tea” in his back garden Gasoline Power.

For the numerous motor manufactures there was a choice to be made between them.

Steam was difficult from its inception resulting in heavy vehicles running on poorly constructed roads and with the embarrassing preparation time – up to one hour to get out of the garage!

Gasoline vehicles although popular suffered draw backs such as strenuous hand cranking and onboard pollution of petrol fumes and exhaust gasses.

Electric vehicles were very popular, clean and quiet with no gear change and with enough stored charge to get you to the shop and back before requiring a lengthy battery re charge.

Inventive progress however became the decider especially when George Kettering eliminated hand cranking by providing the electric starter in 1912 so Gasoline or Petrol power became the way forward and by the 1930s both steam and electric powered vehicles had generally been consigned to the “wheelie bin”.

NOW

Everything was going fine with a combination of petrol and diesel power and together with the tremendous technical mechanical advances made to both sources and the convenience and comfort available to all users we were in motoring “nirvana”.

We retained steam for electrical power generation and direct use in industry and the rail network and somehow we managed to scrape through two world wars and an industrial revolution.

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THEN

The dawning of the 21st century. Everything is going reasonably well and the only drawback to a sensible and worthwhile future progress is brought about by the lack of competence in those we elected to represent us in government, such that for all parliamentary decision we require a vast industry of “special advisors” to influence an opinion.

Question -who influences the advisors and who funds them as well as the tax payer?

With the word “green” rapidly becoming a religion rather than a colour it was obvious that there would be those with political shout and in power, who because of their academic failings but enormous appetite for making a quick “shilling” (legally or otherwise) would be ready to jump on the first “band wagon” that came by.

The “band wagon” did arrive and seemingly all the idiots jumped on it and all the “lessons that had been learned” were either ignored or forgotten although I do suspect that many of the “band wagon” jumpers had no previous knowledge of them.

Climate change and Global warming became their watch words and they were further encouraged by what they accepted as authentic information, supplied by the published “porkies” of the University of East Anglia and the verbal garbage of Mr Al Gore during his publicity seeking period.

It was obvious that the smart boys in industry and finance would be all too ready to spot this golden opportunity to overindulge their shareholders and themselves with the rich pickings of what was given to them on the proverbial plate and off we set on our way to the land of NOD and pending economic disaster.

SO –

Getting back to Georges Leclanche and his battery.

Electric cars or “hybrids” are now to be the way forward, so we are told and regardless of the cost and without reasoned debate we are slowly but surely being drawn into accepting this bogus and fictional fashion.

All we can hope is that this fashion doesn't last longer than the very popular flared jeans and hot pants of the 60's and also that the current fashion of having a Parliament comprised self seeking halfwits can be resolved to the “wheelie bin.”

JUST consider this:-

From what I can gather the average range of the electric car or golf buggy as I prefer to call them is 150 miles.

This figure assumes that that you are enjoying pretty near perfect daylight weather conditions.

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With all this “global warming” and “climate change” going on we rarely seem to get a day when we don’t need wind screen wipers and dipped headlights. So in the new “all electrics”- don’t even think about using the heater /rear screen de mister or radio or driving at night time. With luck your journey to work could conclude at the end of your driveway. And it was interesting to see that the 100 year old Isle of Man TT was once again this year blessed with the appearance of the BMW “supermoto” electric bike in an effort to break the 100mph lap for which some dimwit has sponsored a £10,000 prize. IT DID’NT

Simple statistics for your consideration:-

BMW (not so) Supermoto Battery Power – lap speed 99 mph

Capability one lap Cost £25,0000+

Honda CBR1000RR Petrol - lap speed 131mph

Capability Full distance Cost £11,000 standard and available now.

In conclusion - let’s be honest and accept the fact that the battery has not really developed all that much since Georges Leclanche was a lad and at its current level of development is in no way capable of producing sufficient motive effort to power a car in the manner to which the motorists of this world require as a matter of necessity. Let us not be coerced into seeing our motoring future dominated by a system which is not fit for purpose – can you imagine driving your “all electric” up the M6 and stopping off for a re charge at a new Service facility. You will have already booked your 8 hour stay at the local Premier Inn and provided that it is a wind free period you can catch up on some well earned rest. When I say wind free it is because the noisy “windmills” on the adjacent 50 acre wind farm would also be at rest and therefore not producing any electricity for your onward journey. The final insult would then manifest itself when you return to your car in the re charging bay only to see a large sign (not illuminated) with a picture of Michael Fish and a caption “NO WIND EXPECTED UNTIL THURSDAY” – the wife wouldn’t believe you for one minute.

Any comments from Mr Chris Huhne (energy and climate change secretary) would be very welcome provided he could take time off from his busy life of deceiving the public, his wife of 24 years who he recently dumped and his new doubtful gendered mistress.

It’s not libel – It’s true

ALTHOUGH (just in case) it would be nice to have visitors and monthly newsletters at my place of detention! If I am still at liberty I will see most of you at Shackletons Garden Centre Chatburn at 9:00am Friday next for The NTBHWE.

Bill R

Very eloquent, but not necessarily the views of the members (legal disclaimer, I don’t want to join you in clink!)Ed

Secretary's Scrawls

Yes, I was that fresh faced boy in the last newsletter, complete with collar, tie, and jacket that was obligatory for primary school pupils in the late 1940's. And no, contrary to popular belief, it wasn't me who put up that no entry sign on the route prior to the evening run on 31st May. It was a very popular event with around 16 cars doing the run, and I counted 20 members' cars in the car park at the Welcome Tavern.

It was good to see our senior member Don Dixon, who has had a tough few weeks recently health wise, looking fairly fit (says he looks better than he is though). Don told us he was playing the organ at the funeral of a motorcyclist recently when a mobile phone went off, much to the vicar's annoyance, then they discovered that it was coming from inside the coffin – his mates' idea of a joke I expect (nobody answered fortunately). Thanks to messrs. Ryding and Bamber for organising the run.

I ordered 10 passes for the Leighton Hall show on 10th July, and all have been taken up. Three additional members asked for passes at the club night, and I've ordered 4, so one still spare. Let me know asap if you want it, as Janet are away until 16th June, and by then it'll be too late to order more. Let's hope for good weather to show off our cars and our new igloo gazebo to full effect.

That's all for now, I have to go and pack my cozzie.

Bill B



'Two 1940 relics seen on Kos'

Is Bill contemplating joining the VW club?Ed

This month's Anagram -

“Wee Tin Monk”.



Another easy one for Mr Ryding!....Ed

The Northern National and Jacob's Join

This is the latest list of foodstuffs pledged:

- Platter of Egg-mayo with spice
- Tomato salad
- Smoked Salmon sandwiches
- Sausages and cheese on sticks with pickles
- Sausage Rolls
- Chicken drummers
- Quiche (2 flavours)
- Pork pies, and crusty bread and butter
- Rice and Pasta salad
- Crisps
- Home baked cookies
- Trifle
- Chorley cakes
- Fruit desert
- Cheesecake.

If you have not yet added to the list, contact me when you can.

P.S. We already have plates, bowls, knives, forks and spoons.

Mike N.

Wanted Roof Box

If you have an unwanted roof box taking up garage space I am looking for one to fit to my boat trailer to store the sails/etc. in. I would prefer a long thin one but anything considered! Roof bars not required.

Contact Jeff Reid

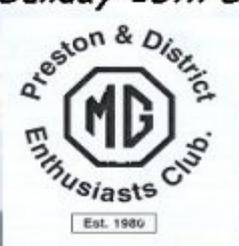
Email jreidmg@hotmail.co.uk

I have now added a 'For Sale' page to the website. If any member has items for sale, please contact me in the usual way. Please keep descriptions honest for the buyers, don't forget to add contact details for the sale. No commercial adds can be taken.

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Lancashire Lanes 2011 Run
Sunday 18th September 2011


Preston & District
MG Enthusiasts Club.
Est. 1980

Please send SAE for entry forms to:
G&J Lockwood Ltd
41 Skull House Lane
Appley Bridge
Wigan
WN6 9DR

Tel. 01257 254724 (9.00am till 3.00pm) WWW.prestonmg.co.uk

The run will be approximately 75 miles, starting and finishing at:

'The Mill Hotel,'

Moor Road,

Croston.

Lancashire.

PR26 9HP.

Entry Fee is £22.50 per car (driver and passenger) which includes: tea/coffee at the start, tulip style route book, rally plate, and buffet at the finish.

(For additional passengers, please add £8.00 per person, to cover refreshments). Children under 10 are free.

Please make cheques payable to: - **Preston & District MGEC**, and send to the above address, together with your entry form.

As a reciprocal agreement with North Manchester, who have advertised our run in their mag, please check out below.....Ed



OWNERS' CLUB NORTH MANCHESTER

13th ANNUAL COBBLESTONES RUN 2011

Thank you for requesting information about our Annual Cobblestones Run which this year takes place on Sunday, 26th June 2011 starting from our original venue at the **Spring Inn**, Broad Lane, Rochdale OL16 4PR.

Your entry fee includes morning coffee and biscuits prior to the start and a traditional hot buffet, including coffee or tea, in the **Spring Inn** when you finish. A bumper plaque, full instructions and a detailed route will be provided at the start. There will be ample time and opportunity for rest breaks at various places of interest along the route. Please note that this event is not a race or time trial of any kind.

Please return the entry form below together with your cheque for £10.00 per person to:-

Graham Taylor 22 Ridgewood Ave., Chadderton Oldham OL9 9UX
0161-620 7822
or e-mail it to: grahamtaylor7@gmail.com

Cobblestones Run Entry Form for Sunday 26th June 2011

About you

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Reg No _____

Guest Name _____ Phone No _____

About your car

Make _____

Model _____

Year _____

Reg No _____

Phone No _____

Meal choices. (Please tick as appropriate):

Meat & potato pie. Includes red cabbage, mushy peas and chips _____

Cheese & onion pie. Includes beans, peas and chips. _____

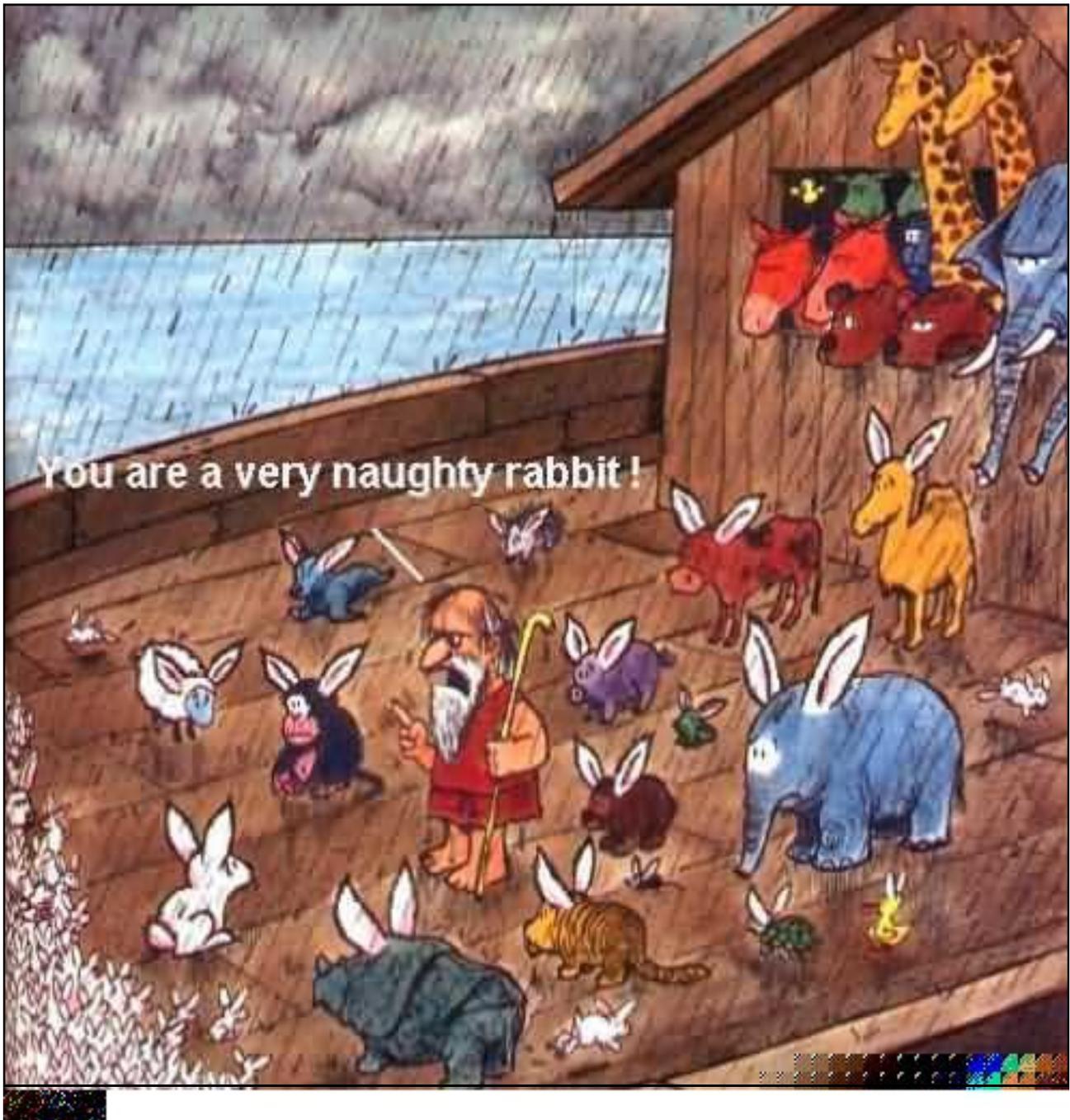
Cheesecake or gateaux plus tea or coffee is included in the entry fee.

Your email address _____

Total of People @ £10.00 each _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ Payable to North Manchester MGOC

This month's cartoon.



Please Note.-Jokes are for your entertainment only, and are what I find humorous. They do not necessarily represent mine or the opinions of any other member, or the club's point of view.....*Ed.*

Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club Calendar 20011

Date	Day	Event	Time	Start	Note
24-Jun	Friday	North York Moors weekend	10.00	Shackleton's Garden Centre Chatburn	1 double room available
28-Jun	Tuesday	Club Night - SYCO	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
10-Jul	Sunday	Leighton Hall	09.30	Burlington's Broughton A6	advise if club pass required
26-Jul	Tuesday	Club Night - Auto Test	19.30	Schultz Estate	
07-Aug	Sunday	Northern National	tba	tba	also Saturday 6 Aug Jacob's join on Sunday
28-Aug	Sunday	Dales Run (N Yorks MGCC)	10.00	Bay Horse, Skipton	individual entry form
30-Aug	Tuesday	Club Night -	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
18-Sep	Sunday	Lancashire Lanes run	From 10:00	The Mill Hotel, Croston .PR26 9HP	£22.50 per car
27-Sep	Tuesday	Club Night -	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
25-Oct	Tuesday	Club Night - Quiz night	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
05-Nov	Saturday	Bonfire night	20.00	Schultz Estate	
29-Nov	Tuesday	Club Night - Guest Speaker	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
03-Dec	Saturday	Annual Dinner	19.30	Ley Inn	62 persons maximum
26-Dec	Monday	Cold Turkey run	tba	tba	

Editorial.

For those who didn't manage to get to the Myerscough College day out, you missed yet another great show. It's not a car show, but it advertises all that they teach at the college. The variation is amazing, and includes everything from 'Arboreal Studies' to 'Sheep Shearing', and everything else you can imagine that might be managed by the farming community. This time out there was no rain, but a cold wind blew the cobwebs out of the joints, whilst we sat in the gazebo for lunch. Which reminds me, we have a new super-doper one on order, and will make an appearance at the Northern National.

Many thanks to those of you who emailed me with your positive comments on the 'Animated News' feature on the website. It looks as if I will have to put my voice to the character on the screen, so I can keep it updated. Editing Bill's recording to fit the time, inserted the rather awful mush on the speech that was heard on the last issue. I will change the face so that it will reflect me rather than Bill! Oh dear, I hope it doesn't break the screen!

The Jacobs join Menu is now bursting with goodies so a good turnout will be needed to scoff the lot. Please support the club, and all those who will be donating. Don't forget the more cars, the more chance of putting on a good show, and thus winning the best club stand award.

So as the majority of the committee have been sunning themselves in Europe, you might ask, "What about the rest of you?". You probably don't care much, but in our case, Jo and I have been beavering away in our daughter's flat organising kitchen fitters, joiners, glaziers, letting agents, and doing a bit of decorating just to get it ready for a new tenant. Whilst there we got talking to another tenant who is interested in an MG. Anyone know of a good one for sale? He would be joining in with the club when he finds one. Let me know of any for sale.

Time to finish now, and I promise I will try to get Bill back to MG related Chat's, once I can get the straight jacket off that they put him in at Rainhill.

Mike....Ed



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